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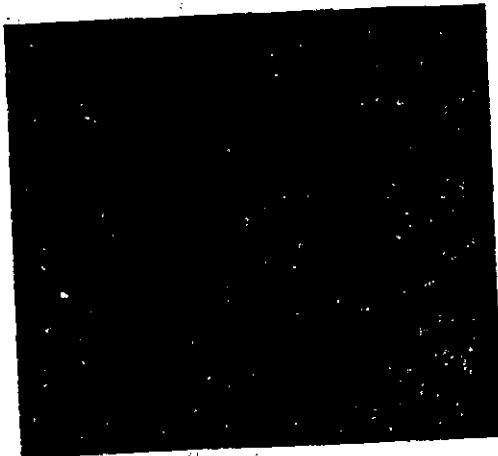
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CHIL 2: Prospects for Protests

Leaders of the democratic and radical leftist political coalitions sponsoring the antiregime demonstrations today and tomorrow disagree over the likely turnout and whether to emphasize passive actions or armed confrontation.

[redacted] Key labor federations, transport and commercial workers' organizations, and professional associations support the protests and are seeking to form a unified command. Meanwhile,

[redacted] extensive sweeps and arrests in poor neighborhoods by the security forces over the weekend will intimidate protesters but probably also will increase the likelihood of violence.

Comment: Opposition groups face a loss of credibility if they fail to mobilize at least a moderately heavy turnout. Despite their continuing disunity, they appear committed to challenging the state of siege. President Pinochet is determined to crush protest activity, and even if Chileans fail to demonstrate in large numbers, violent clashes with security forces probably will result, producing numerous injuries and fatalities.

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